

wherein the insert is a shearable member adapted for shearing and opening the central opening when a predetermined pressure is applied across the shearable member or a substantially non-shearable member adapted for substantially permanent closure of the central opening.

Amend claim 90 and 91 to read as follows:

~~54~~ 90. (Amended) The method of claim ~~92~~⁵² wherein the wipers are acutely angled with respect to a longitudinal axis of the plug.

~~54~~ 91. (Amended) The method of claim ~~92~~⁵² wherein the wiper closest to the one end of the casing is overlapped by the other wiper.

Rewrite claim 93 in independent form as follows:

~~55~~ 93. (Amended) A method for wiping the inner surface of a casing comprising:
providing a plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface;
applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the plug within the casing;
providing an additional plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface; and applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the additional plug within the casing.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

The specification has been amended to include a reference to the continuation application.


Attached is a new declaration that overcomes the rejection set forth in the first full paragraph of page 3 of the office action. In this context, the rejection of claims 1-51 based on a defective reissue declaration is traversed on the ground that claims 1-51 are the original patent claims.

Claim 89 has been cancelled and its limitations have been added to claims 92 and 93 to rewrite the latter claims in independent form. In view of the fact that the rejection based on the defective declaration has been overcome, claims 92 and 93 are allowable. Also, previously rejected claims 90 and 91 have been amended to depend from claim 92 and are therefore allowable along with the remaining claims 94-108.

In summary, the original patent claims 1-51, along with claims 90-108 in the form now presented, are allowable. Therefore, an early notice of allowance of claim 1-51, and 90-108 is requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the above, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

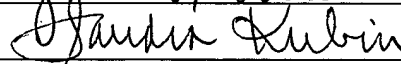

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE TO SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, at line 1, insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a parent application of applicant's copending reissue
application S. N. 10/307,113.

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92. (Amended) [The method of claim 89 further comprising] A method for wiping the inner surface of a casing comprising:

providing a plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface;

applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the plug within the casing;
and

providing an insert across a central opening in the plug for closure thereof, wherein the insert is a shearable member adapted for shearing and opening the central opening when a predetermined pressure is applied across the shearable member or a substantially non-shearable member adapted for substantially permanent closure of the central opening.

90. (Amended) The method of claim [89] 92 wherein the wipers are acutely angled with respect to a longitudinal axis of the plug.

91. (Amended) The method of claim [89] 92 wherein the wiper closest to the one end of the casing is overlapped by the other wiper.

93. (Amended) [The method of claim 89 further comprising] A method for wiping the inner surface of a casing comprising:

providing a plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface;

applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the plug within the casing;
providing an additional plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface; and

applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the additional plug within the casing.